

EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY, GS-905-13/14/15
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
NARCOTIC AND DANGEROUS DRUG SECTION
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About the Office:

The Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS) supervises and has responsibility for enforcing federal statutes pertaining to narcotic drugs and other controlled substances. The section advises the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice and other federal officials involved in drug enforcement on all matters related to federal narcotics law enforcement including proposed and enacted legislation, policy, enforcement initiatives, and criminal and civil litigation. The section has direct litigation responsibilities in significant investigations and prosecutions targeting national and international narcotics trafficking and money laundering organizations.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:

The Litigation Unit attorneys work with federal law enforcement agencies to identify, investigate and prosecute the most significant national and international drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. As part of the Bilateral Case Initiative, the majority of the Litigation Unit attorneys prosecute major transnational narcotic traffickers and money launderers in U.S. courts, using evidence gathered by U.S. federal agents and foreign law enforcement officials abroad.

Policy Unit attorneys participate in drafting domestic and international narcotics legislation, strategies and statements of policy addressing challenging topics such as: precursor and essential chemical control, synthetic drugs and anabolic steroids, drug paraphernalia, domestic marijuana, hemp cultivation, and federal sentencing guideline issues. Policy Unit attorneys support the United States Attorneys and their assistants by responding to inquiries relating to substantive, procedural and policy matters. The Unit publishes a variety of training manuals, handbooks, and a periodic newsletter to aid federal state prosecutors in investigating and prosecuting violations of the federal narcotics laws. Policy Unit attorneys litigate appeals arising from cases prosecuted by the Section, U.S. Attorney Offices when requested, and appeals of denials or revocation of licenses and registrations by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Policy Unit attorneys provide support for international investigative and prosecutive efforts, assist foreign governments in drafting effective counter-narcotics legislation and developing national and international drug strategies. Policy Unit attorneys participate in international fora including the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the OAS CICAD hemispheric counter drug alliance.

Qualifications:

Required: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least three years of post-J.D. legal experience.

Preferred: The ability to speak and write Spanish is preferred but not required.

Travel:

Occasional travel will be required.

Salary Information:

GS-13: \$77,353 - \$100,554 per annum

GS-14: \$91,407 - \$118,828 per annum
GS-15: \$107,521 - \$139,774 per annum

Location: The position is located in Chantilly, VA

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are not authorized.

**Submission Process
and Deadline Date:**

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, a writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages), and a current performance appraisal (if applicable). Please send your resume to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section
1400 New York Avenue NW, Room 11102
Washington, DC 20005
Attn: Charlene Briggs-Plunkett

No telephone calls please. This position is open until filled.
Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level.

Internet Sites: This and selected other legal position announcements can be found on the Internet at:
www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvancies.

For more information about the Criminal Division and the Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Section, please visit the Criminal Division Web page at :
<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/criminal-home.html>

Department Policies:

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace, and the person selected will be required to pass a drug test to screen for illegal drug use. Employment is also contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation adjudicated by the Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities and will reasonably accommodate the needs of those persons. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced.